

# Skipper Turnabout Rests On Pitching, Experience

Once the pitching staff picks up some experience, Cohasset is looking to turn around its baseball season which has seen the Skippers drop all four contests to date.

Latest loss came Monday this week at the hands of Norwell on the heels of defeats by Middleboro, Duxbury and East Bridgewater.

"Pitching," emphasizes Coach Ev Dorr, "is 90 per cent of school baseball. Our pitchers like most of our players, lack experience. As

we pick up experience, there's only one way to go — up."

Indicative of the general inexperience, Dorr, who is in his 30th season at Cohasset (it hardly seems possible he wasn't placekicking the football and pitching for Boston University a lot less years ago than that) is three years total varsity experience among his starters.

Two of those years belong to Senior Captain Tom Higgins, Dorr's No. 1 pitcher who doubles at shortstop.

The other single previous year with the varsity is the property of junior third baseman Matt Brown.

After that, the diamond exposure has been strictly Jayvee or less until now.

But it's typical of the irrepressible Dorr that he isn't discouraged.

Behind Higgins, Dorr calls on junior Fred Espinosa, who plays second when not on the mound. Behind Espinosa, Dorr calls on junior Bruce Maynard and sophomore William Kurtz but primarily in relief roles. All four are righthanders.

Dorr does have a lefty on the squad — first baseman John Ayer, who is a sharp-fielding junior but out for two more weeks with a broken nose he suffered during batting practice.

In the interim, senior Pat Plante has been filling in, and he, too, is a promoted Jayvee.

Kurtz plays second when not pitching and short when Higgins is pitching.

Brown has been getting contention for the third base job from promising sophomore Mike Jones.

In the outfield which Orr describes as "pretting good defensively," Paul Plante, Pat's brother and a junior, mans left with co-junior Bruce Maynard patrolling center-field and right field split between senior Tom Pipenbrink and sophomore Bob Russell, another comer.

Dorr is in the happy position of having two talented catchers. One is junior Jim Sullivan, who like Ayer, has

been nursing an injury which brought to light Bob Donahue, only a freshman but "doing a super job," in Dorr's estimates.

The Skipper bench is thin with reserves Pete Colletta a spare infielder and Mike McDonald, an infielder-pitcher.

"Vacation didn't help us any," Dorr muses referring to the fact many players were away.

"The hitting," he continues, "always is playing catch up this time of year."

By the time it does and the pitchers pick up some savvy, Dorr figures his crew could be trouble for other South Shore League Opponents.

He himself is still recuperating from a heel problem that has him on crutches.

"I couldn't do much to help them if I put myself in," he chuckles.

A resident of Scituate, Dorr now that he hasn't all the pressure and responsibility of coaching three sports and holding down the Athletic Director's job as well, is looking forward to his No. 1 hobby — golf.

"Once I get off the crutches," he reminds.

But he and his wife Frances, who is secretary for an Angelo's vice president, can enjoy their mutual hobby — travel.

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The Skipper boys team blanked Whitman-Hanson in its opener, 5-0.

Anders Ottoseon, Kevin Savage and Jeff Turner were winners in singles and Alan McClary and Glenn Curtis and

Andy Bergland and Carl Nelson swept the doubles.

In girls action, Laurie O'Connor, 6-0, 6-1; and Janet England, 9-8, 6-1 were winners for the Skippers. Karen Murphy and Susan Dalrymple and Leslie Carroll and Sissy Whel swept the double winners for Cohasset.



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